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SB 1313 (Hall) California Gambling Control Commission FACT SHEET

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ISSUE

The California Gambling Control Commission (CGCC) is the official regulatory body that oversees gambling establishments in the State of California. The five-member CGCC regulates all transactions regarding ownership of gambling enterprises, third party providers and proposition player services, and tribal casinos. CGCC responsibilities include setting policy, establishing regulations, making determinations of suitability, issuing licenses, acting as administrator of gaming revenues deposited into various distribution funds, and administering provisions of the Gambling Control Act and Tribal State Gaming Compacts.

Current law requires that a public record of every vote taken by the CGCC be maintained at its principal office. Members of the public have the right to inspect records free of charge and the right to obtain a copy of records after paying for the direct costs of duplication or a statutory fee. However, this process can be burdensome on the public, and should be updated to incorporate modern technology.

SOLUTION

SB 1313 (Hall) requires that a public record of every vote taken by the CGCC be posted on the CGCC's Internet Web site no later than 48 hours after the vote is taken.

While current law requires that votes of the CGCC be maintained at its principal office, there is no requirement that votes be made available to the public online. By requiring that these votes are posted on the CGCC's Internet Web site, this bill ensures that the public is aware of the decisions that are being made by the CGCC.

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